

REMARKS

The examiner, in the Advisory Action, stated that “[t]he main point [of] discord between the applicants and the examiner is what receives the data.” However, that is not the point of distinction that Applicants have made regarding the combination of Fishbine (U.S. Patent No. 5,221,152) and Glaze (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,974). Rather, what Fishbine and Glaze do not disclose is receiving data from a central processor relating to a processed fingerprint image and displaying that data on a display of a portable handheld device. Thus, the difference between Fishbine and Glaze and the claimed invention is that in the claimed invention, the processed fingerprint image data is both received and displayed at the portable handheld device.

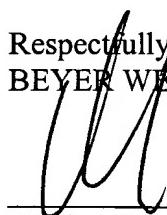
Additionally, certain of the claims have been further amended to distinguish over the combination of Fishbine and Glaze. For example, claim 1 has been amended to specify that the fingerprint image is captured and processed at the portable handheld device. In contrast, in Fishbine, the fingerprint image is captured at the mobile unit and not at the portable system 10. (See Col. 4, lines 35-45; Col. 4, line 65 to Col. 5, line 2).

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (510) 267-4106.

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